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The great domestic problem: "Where is my wandering boy to-night?"

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## ONE KILLED, TWO FATALLY INJURED, IN BATTLE BETWEEN U. S. DEPUTIES AND RAILROAD GUARDS

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 8.—In a running battle between five U. S. deputy marshals and 10 I. C. railroad guards at Nonconnah Creek yards early today, Victor Benner, a guard, was killed, and Capt. G. W. Dillawas, deputy U. S. marshal, and Charles Coleman, another guard, were fatally wounded.

United States Marshal J. S. Johnson said today the shooting occurred following an alleged fight between strikers and strike-

breakers, reported to his office at midnight. The order came to rush deputies to the Nonconnah yards.

An engine was sent from the north yards carrying the marshals to the scene. When it arrived the railroad guards surrounded it, and the deputies opened fire, chasing the guards through the yards. This is the only version of the fight given out so far, but it is expected an investigation will be made.

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## HOW MUCH IS KISS FROM MARGARET WORTH?

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 8.—There's a slight difference between Miss Margaret Bender and W. T. Maget, a wealthy farmer.

Margaret says a kiss—one of her kisses—is worth exactly \$2,857.14.

Maget says some kisses may be worth that much, but that Margaret's kisses, at their highest valuation, are worth only 50 cents a-piece.

A jury will have to decide.

Margaret says that friend Maget forcibly kissed her seven times a few weeks ago.

Maget admits kissing her, but says that the kisses came in the ordinary course of a conversation on the subject.

Margaret demanded compensation one week ago. Maget de-

murred. But at last dug down into his pocket and produced exactly \$3.50 and tendered the \$3.50 to Margaret.

Margaret did not spurn the \$3.50—far be it from Margaret. She concealed it wherever women do these things, and hiked for the county courthouse, where she sued Maget for \$20,000, her valuation of the seven kisses.

The question now agitating St. Joseph it: How is the jury going to decide the exact value of Margaret's kisses?

Will it have to sample them? And if so, will only the foreman need to do so, or will all of the twelve good men and true need to do a little osculating?

And if such is the case, will it be possible for the jury—which happens to be very much married—to get the court to exclude